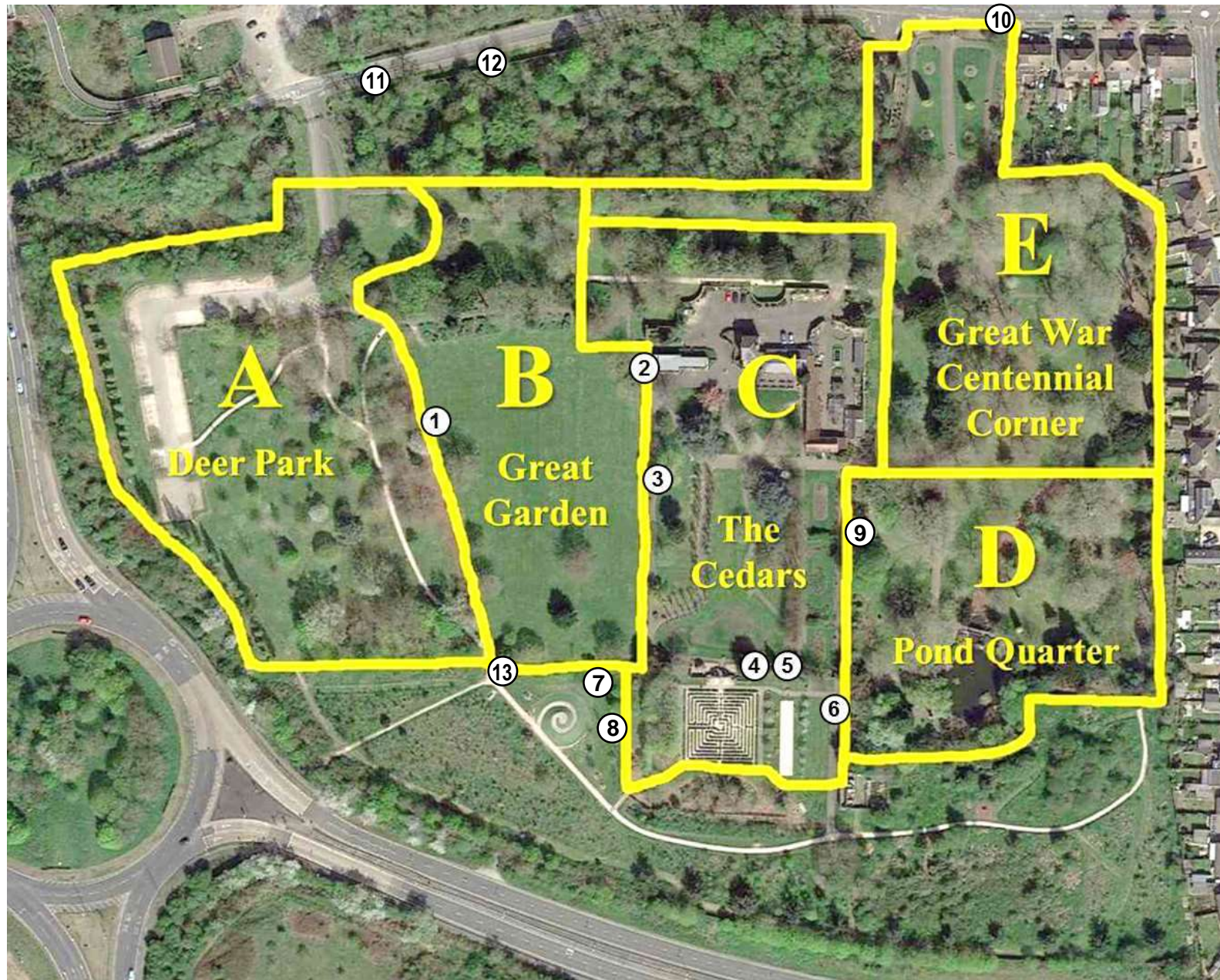


CEDARS PARK

(Covenanted former site of James I's Theobalds Palace, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN8 8RU)



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Examples of 16/17 C. extant high brick walls, with bricks or part-bricks missing

In Zone 'B' (Great Garden) – without photos, although held

1. Over 9-foot length at base, past poor remedial work.
2. 22-foot total collapse “some four years ago” – fenced site doorway frame “affixed to historic building (now toilets)”. Late 2/22 several Saplings from fallen tree seed at spot, some 4 feet high, were cut down! Standing wall by entranceway is at a slight west-facing angle and is likely to fall, causing further loss (the Bricks were apparently taken away by the contracted artisan bricklayers, Robyland Ltd – their name is on the site doorway).

In Zone 'C' (The Cedars) – without photos, although held

3. 1½-foot squarish collapse – fenced off for “last 9 months or more”.
4. 20-foot length of very low wall, ‘pushed over’ “some 6 years ago or more” – now broken in two solid halves. No temporary fencing has ever been installed.
(+ long section of collapsed very low wall further west)
5. Some 4 feet of low wall, by archway, demolished Summer of 2021 by children climbing on and up tree alongside – no temporary fencing installed (reaction 8/21 by Council’s Director of Environmental Services (Peter Linkson) was “The remainder needs removing”!!!)
6. Several bricks in a squarish shape, missing from the wall, downward cracked wall length nearby, flanked by rotting timber post at Zone ‘D’ (Pond Quarter) entranceway.

Missing bricks and holes in the walls – with photos

7. Wall north of Venusberg
8. Wall east of Venusberg
9. East-facing wall by the sensory garden
10. North-facing wall on Theobalds Lane, at East side of the pedestrian entrance
(No photo)
11. North-facing wall on Theobalds Lane, at East side of main car park entrance
(No photo)
12. North-facing wall on Theobalds Lane, further East – a new collapse at top of wall
(No photo)
13. South-facing wall by Venusberg – Since before Christmas 2021, new vandalism and continuing (May 2022) – imminent collapse of this section of the wall.

**** All the extant historic walls have weeds growing on top, and often on the sides, plus creepers of many species – all weakening the mortar structure, which the Council refuse to remedy ****

Broxbourne Borough Council claim they have a 5-year restoration programme, but there is no continual work underway, and seemingly little urgency or understanding of their responsibility to care for this recognised historic monument area.